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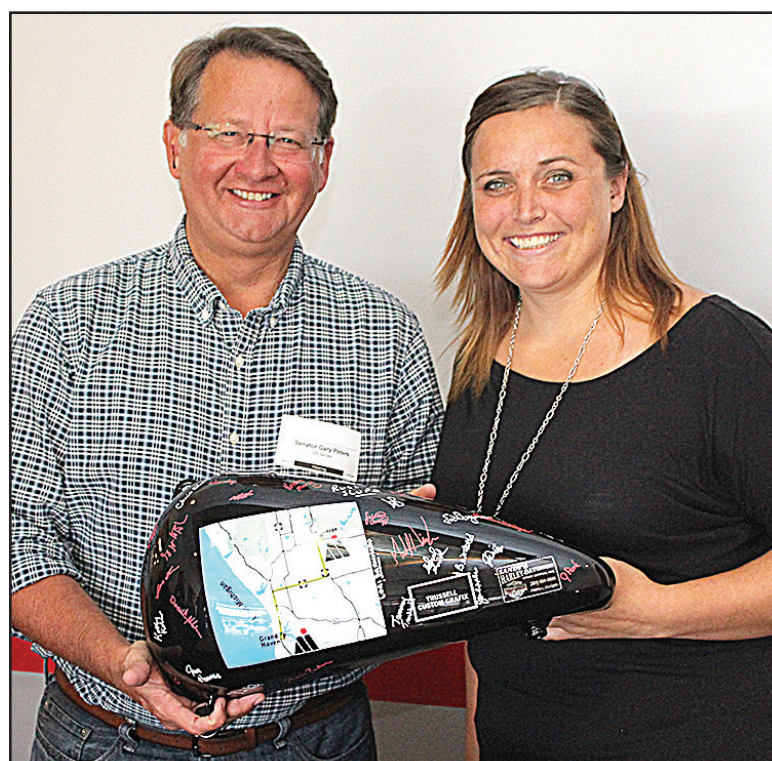

**Support your local
school district...**

**Attend an area
football game.**

**This week's games are
listed on page 8.**



Photos by R.C. Wheeler Sr.



During his tour of the Magna Mirrors plant in Newaygo, U.S. Senator Gary Peters (left) stopped to chat with Kathy Christensen at her work station in the molding department. General Manager Brian Chadwell led the tour of the high-tech manufacturing facility.

Before the senator climbed back on his motorcycle to leave Newaygo, Jessica Twigg presented him with a gift, a customized and autographed Harley-Davidson gas tank. Senatorial staff members immediately began working on a plan to get the tank to Washington for display in the senator's office.

Newaygo Sen. Peters impressed by high-tech Magna plant

By R.C. Wheeler Sr.

U.S. Senator Gary Peters visited the Magna Mirrors plant in Newaygo on Wednesday, the third day of a five-day motorcycle tour that took him to 26 Michigan counties with 12 stops along the way.

Sen. Peters, a long-time motorcycle rider from Bloomfield Township, rode his Harley-Davidson into town accompanied by fellow rider Bruce McAttee, the senator's regional director in Lansing, and some staff members riding in four-wheeled vehicles.

After a short meeting with Magna corporate leaders and a presentation about the company's worldwide scope of operations, the senator and the group of senate staff members and Magna officials toured the Newaygo plant, led by General Manager Brian Chadwell.

"On behalf of the entire Magna Mirrors Newaygo team, we welcome Senator Peters to our place of business," Chadwell said. "The automotive industry is an exciting place to be, one of the most high-tech industries in the world and also an industry at the leading edge of developing tomorrow's mobility systems."

28 Million Parts

Magna employs nearly 150,000 people and has more than 300 manufacturing operations around the world. The company's operations span four continents and 29 countries.

Magna Mirrors, the division to which the Newaygo plant belongs, employs 6,000 people at nine facilities, most in Michigan. The Newaygo facility, which produces automotive exterior mirrors, fuel doors and door handles, started with 200 employees in 1995. It now employs more than 1,200 people. The plant produces

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Unique endurance contest coming in four weeks

Organizers of the extreme eco-challenge 2DamTuff marked the four-week countdown to the Oct. 1 obstacle course challenge, an endurance contest that will feature trail running, road running or biking, climbing, paddling and a military-style rope course.



Newaygo Nationals Association leaders said that registration for the event is still open, but only a few tickets remain available. NNA officials also announced a \$5,000 sponsorship from Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial, dedicated for event op-

erations and infrastructure, including a Leadership Training Course, being built to military specifications over the next two years for team-building exercises.

"The public response to 2DamTuff has been awesome and it proves people in Newaygo County and beyond love a good challenge that tests their fitness, their endurance and their drive to suc-

ceed," said NNA Chairman Gabriel Słominski. "We want to thank our partners at Gerber Memorial for supporting this community event in such a significant way. Events like 2DamTuff will help attract people and businesses to Newaygo County, and continue to make our community a regional destination for

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Fremont Area Community Foundation

Foundation to host community needs discussions

On Sept. 14, the Fremont Area Community Foundation (FACF) will host two community needs discussions in Newaygo County to share the results of its recent needs assessment survey and to gather comments from local residents.

As part of a community needs assessment process, the Foundation is taking a close look at what it is like to live here, what challenges the community faces, and what can make the future even brighter.

At the Sept. 14 events (one in Grant

and one in Fremont), the community is invited to come learn about the results of the recent needs assessment survey and to discuss their reactions to the findings. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their thoughts about where they live, what challenges they see, and what role the Foundation might play.

FACF officials said that the information from the community needs assessment and these meetings will help to inform the future of the Foundation. The results of this community discus-

sion will be considered at the 2016 October strategic planning retreat of the FACF Board of Trustees.

"We want to hear from you," said FACF President and CEO Carla Roberts. "This process will help us to know what is most important to the community and to determine how community priorities might be addressed."

The discussions will be held on Sept. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Grant Area District Library and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Stone Lodge in Fremont (on the campus of the Newaygo Medical

Care Facility). Both opportunities will be free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.

Assessments are also being conducted by the Foundation's three geographic affiliate foundations in Lake, Mecosta and Osceola counties. Community needs discussions will be held in Lake County on Sept. 12, in Mecosta County on Sept. 13, and in Osceola County on Sept. 15.

For more information, call the Fremont Area Community Foundation at 924-5350.

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